

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF DOTTIE P. MARSHALL

#### HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 15, 2011*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today, I come before this body to give praise and express gratitude to Dottie P. Marshall, National Park Service Superintendent for the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Dottie is retiring this month after close to forty years of service with the National Park Service. She began her career in 1971 as a member of the Youth Conservation Corps at Harpers Ferry National Historic Park. She went on to direct one of the service's Youth Conservation Corps camps. Over the years she has been a budget analyst, administrative officer, Deputy Superintendent, Associate Regional Director and Superintendent.

I first met Dottie when she began work at the George Washington Memorial Parkway more than 12 years ago. The Parkway is the largest contiguous property in my congressional district. It includes Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial and the Women in the Military Service for America Memorial, more than 29 sites and resources. They all enhance the lives of my constituents on a daily basis. Of course, throughout our acquaintance there have been dozens of contentious issues we have had to deal with over the years. But, almost all of them have been resolved amicably. And in the pressure cooker that the Nation's capital can become, she has deftly managed to solve problems large and small before any lids were blown. Dottie epitomizes "grace under fire."

Recounting them now is like a walk down memory lane. From standing with her when rumors about the imminent closure of the popular Belle Haven Marina generated a large and angry turnout to discussing which type of plant would be the ideal buffer between a residential neighborhood and Jones Point Park, Dottie has shown leadership and wisdom. In every circumstance and on every occasion, Dottie has been fair, honest and dedicated in her commitment to resolve whatever matter was at hand. In fact, long ago she earned my respect, trust and appreciation.

I am particularly proud of several major projects that she successfully completed, including restoration of the Slave Quarters at Arlington House, improving the ramp from the 14th Street Bridge onto the northbound lanes of the parkway and honoring the World War II veterans who finally received their long overdue recognition for their intelligence work at the secret interrogation facility known as "P.O. Box 1142," today known as Fort Hunt.

I wish her the best in her future pursuits. Dottie can take pride in knowing her skillful management will ensure that of many of our Nation's treasured historic, cultural and natural resources will endure long after we are all gone.

Dottie, congratulations on a job well done, and thank you for your exceptional service.

### EXPANSION OF THE WOMEN'S POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DIS- ORDER RESIDENTIAL TREAT- MENT PROGRAM AT THE BATA- VIA VA MEDICAL CENTER

#### HON. KATHLEEN C. HOCHUL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 15, 2011*

Ms. HOCHUL. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the opportunity to recognize the expansion of the Women's Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Residential Treatment Program at the Batavia VA Medical Center in my district today. This is the first residential PTSD treatment center for women veterans in New York State. The VA is anticipating the treatment of up to 120 women veterans at this facility, and will provide care from 6–8 weeks depending on their needs. The \$5.4 million in funding for this project was provided by a women's health initiative by the Department of Veterans Affairs and will help provide vital services to female veterans throughout Western New York.

For over two decades women have served on the battlefield, leading to unprecedented trauma that requires focused treatment upon their return to civilian life. And with more women serving in the military than ever before—15 percent of all active military personnel and 20 percent of reservists—we must expand the availability of health facilities and benefits to our women veterans.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, women veterans are four times more likely to have long lasting PTSD than men, which may lead to severe depression, substance abuse, and physical health problems. The VA is taking the proper steps to adapt to the growing number of women veterans; however, there are currently less than a dozen centers in the United States that provide PTSD services.

Without the selfless actions of all the brave men and women of the Armed Forces, past and present, our country would not live so freely. For years, our veterans have gone untreated for PTSD, causing perpetual hardships for them and their families after they have returned home from the battlefield. Today, we recognize our female veterans and make progress in providing them with the proper care they need and deserve.

### HONORING THELMA AND JOSEPH LASALVIA FOR RECEIVING THE CHRISTE FIDELIS AWARD

#### HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 15, 2011*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two of my constituents, Thelma and Joseph LaSalvia, for receiving the Christe Fidelis Award in recognition of their devotion to their faith and to St. Louis de Montfort Parish.

On November 6, 2011, Cardinal Francis George of Chicago honored Thelma and Joseph LaSalvia with the Christe Fidelis Award at a prayer service celebrated at Holy Name Cathedral. Christe Fidelis, which translates to "Loyalty to Christ," is awarded to Catholics throughout the Archdiocese who have demonstrated a high level of Christian service through various ministries in their respective parishes.

Thelma and Joe LaSalvia are well deserving of this award. Over the years, they have been involved in the ministry of care to the sick, the capital campaign, and the church's contemporary choir. They also celebrate a weekly communion service at a local nursing home, volunteer on the church decorating committee, and serve as sacristans for their weekday liturgies. Through this aid they illustrate their dedication to the parish and to making a positive difference in the lives of many people in need.

As a fellow Catholic, I am strengthened by their example of faithful living. Their help to those in need, to the sick, and to the elderly is remarkable. I applaud Thelma and Joe LaSalvia for their selfless dedication to others and wish them well as they continue their journey as faithful Catholics serving others.

### IRAN THREAT REDUCTION ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

#### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2011*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, Iran's quest for nuclear weapons puts the entire globe at risk.

Iran has proven itself to be less than truthful in its discussions about its nuclear weapons program. It hid its nuclear enrichment facility in Qom from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). It told the world it was enriching uranium for non-military purposes, but the enrichment site at Qom and elsewhere appear to have no civilian application.

And while sanctions have had some impact, Iran has persisted in its efforts to obtain nuclear weapons. Iran has also succeeded in evading the impact of existing sanctions by creating one front company after another to shield its activities.

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